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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Tomio ONO, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: MICROSWITCH AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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REFERENCES

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	AW	Paul M. ZAVRACKY, et al., "Micromechanical Switches Fabricated Using Nickel Surface Micromachining", JOURNAL OF MICROELECTROMECHANICAL SYSTEMS, Vol. 6, No. 1, March 1997, pgs. 3-9
	AX	S. ERTL, et al., "Surface Micromachined Diamond Microswitch", DIAMOND AND RELATED MATERIALS, Vol. 9, 2000, pgs 970-974
	AY	M. ADAMSCHIK, et al., "Diamond Microwave Micro Relay", DIAMOND AND RELATED MATERIALS, Vol. 11, 2002, pgs. 672-676
	AZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional References sheet(s) attached

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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AW on Form PTO- 1449:

This reference shows typical micromachined microswitch structure (Fig. 1.) and fabrication process (Fig. 2.).

Reference AX on Form PTO- 1449:

This reference shows diamond microswitch structure (Fig. 1.) and fabrication process (Fig. 2.). In this reference, it was reported that no sticking was observed.

Reference AY on Form PTO- 1449:

This reference shows diamond microswitch structure to reduce contact resistance (Fig. 2.). But diamond contact is mechanically weak and reduction of contact resistance is insufficient.